



(Enrich and Nurture the Community – Offer Your Resources and Experience)

A broad community education program to area residents (age 50 and above), resulting in more community volunteers, a more diverse community leadership and an enrichment of quality of life.

The ENCORE program was developed from a Leadership Kingsport project. The belief is that retirees can offer a wealth of knowledge, experience, leadership and vitality to the community while enriching their lives.

The ENCORE experience will allow participants to develop a broader understanding of the community's history, its needs, new friendships, and volunteer opportunities to better the future of the community.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN ENCORE

Please read the requirements for participation and tuition information.

The Recruitment Committee encourages you to complete the attached application and return it to the Chamber by July 1.

The Committee will consider your application along with others who apply. The Committee anticipates that the ENCORE class will be limited in number. The application process will involve an informational meeting with the Committee, with a goal of completing the ENCORE enrollment by July.

ENCORE SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of ENCORE participants will be based on:

Evidenced interest in participating and serving in volunteer roles, including possible public office.

Demonstrated commitment, motivation and interest in serving the community.

Attaining a diversity of participant selection---diversity of interests, previous experience in volunteer roles, areas of residence, and other factors that will result in a broad mix of class members.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are to be 50 or more years of age.

Applications are due by July 1.

Group Interviews will be held by early July.

Full participation and attendance is expected. An Orientation will occur in September.

A high percentage of attendance at sessions and activities is of great importance - both for the individual member and for the value gained by such participation by the entire class.

The program includes 8 weekly Tuesday sessions and a graduation, each for a major portion of the day.

SCHEDULE

Class participants will be announced by August 1.

ENCORE Application

Background

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Nickname

Age _____ Sex _____ Years lived in Kingsport Area _____

Home Address

Number

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address

Spouse's Name

Are you a registered voter? _____ If so, where? _____

Work History

Retired
from _____

If actively employed

Address _____
Number _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

What are/were the primary elements of your job?

1. List civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and/or other organizations in which you are or have been an active volunteer and describe briefly your involvement.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

2. Do you see yourself being involved in the community in the future? If you have such interests, would you please list them?

3. What do you believe are the three most important issues facing the broad Kingsport area? (List them in order of importance)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. Choose one of the issues identified in the previous question and elaborate on your reasons for selecting it and any ideas for addressing it. ENCORE will examine these issues and, hopefully, broaden the range of solutions.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Application deadline is July 1. Please return to:

Kingsport Leadership Programs
Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce
151 East Main Street
Kingsport, TN 37662
423-392-8816
Fax: 423-392-8829

NOTE: You may wish to retain a copy of this application for your files.

Participant Agreement

I understand that the purpose of ENCORE is to develop individuals who are able and motivated to assume community positions. In order for the program to be effective and achieve its purpose, attendance at all sessions for the entire day by all participants is necessary. I understand the necessity of requiring attendance and will, **if selected** for this year's class, agree to the following commitments (please initial all items to which you agree):

_____ I understand that I am expected to attend all program sessions. The program days are for 8 consecutive weekly sessions. Graduation is on the 9th week.

_____ I understand the tuition of \$130.00 must be paid prior to the beginning of the classes.

Please print your name or organization to be billed.

Participant Signature

Date
